



Ebchester Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parent,

Activity Passport

As a school, we hope that every pupil leaves Ebchester Primary School as a well-rounded learners, resilient individuals and responsible citizens. To help to inspire and encourage the pupils to add to their experiences, we have created an activity passport. The passport includes 20 to 40 activities for each pupil to try, **in school**, during their time in each class. We hope that these additional opportunities will enrich the experiences each child has. I've attached your child's activities for their current academic year.

Attendance

Well done to Class Three- you can have an extra playtime next week.

<u>Class One</u>	<u>Class Two</u>	<u>Class Three</u>	<u>Class Four</u>
92.4%	95%	95.8%	91.1%

PD Day

School will be closed for teacher training on Monday 2nd December. We will reopen on Tuesday 3rd December.

Choir

Our choir will be singing at the Consett Tesco store on the 4th December from 10.45am to 11.15am. If you can, please pop along to support them and join in with some of the Christmas carols!

Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair will run from Monday 25th November to the morning of the 29th November. The fair will be open from 8.30am to 8.55am and after school from 3.15pm to 4pm in the school hall. Please call in during these time slots to have a look at the wide range of books available to buy. If you are unable to attend, please send any cash in a sealed envelope with your child.

Next week we are holding a competition with a chance to win one of five £5 vouchers to spend at the book fair. We are asking that pupils design a new cover for one of their favourite books (an entry form has been attached to this letter). All entries should be returned to school by Friday 22nd November and the winning designs will be displayed in Friday's celebration assembly.

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Nepal Visit

As you may know, we have received funding from the British Council to be part of a Connecting Classroom project this year. We have been partnered with Samriddhi School in Kathmandu, Nepal. Miss Rogers will be flying out to Nepal on Saturday and will be meeting the children and staff from our partner school next week. Class Two will be taught by Mr Carr and Miss McCall next week.

NSPCC Assembly and Workshop

The NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme is visiting our school on 20th November to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

The Speak Out. Stay Safe. programme is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their mascot Buddy, a NSPCC representative will be presenting an assembly to the children as well as leading a workshop for the pupils in Years 5 and 6.

Shoebox Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our shoebox collection this year. We were able to send off 10 shoeboxes this week.

Class One - Sports Hall Athletics

The pupils in Class One will be taking part in a Sports Hall Athletics festival on the morning of Friday 29th November. Please ensure that pupils have a full school PE kit available in school on that day. The class will still attend their swimming lesson in the afternoon.

Class Information

Class Four

We've had a busy few weeks in Reception – not only are we in the middle of our rehearsals for our Christmas performance, but we have also started our new mini-topic 'Will you read me a story?' As part of this work we will be thinking about fairy tale characters, goodies and baddies, homes and castles as well as magic and fantasy. It's great fun! **Mrs Askill – Key Person**

Class Three

All of the Infant pupils are working really hard on their Christmas performance – the singing is great and we've got some super acting too! You are all certainly in for a treat. In class this week, the Year One and Two pupils have created their own 'Oi Get Off My Train' books. I've been really impressed with all of the writing that has been produced. **Miss Edmunds**

Class Two

In Class Two this week we have overcome the challenge of fractions. We have been adding and subtracting as well as ordering them and solving problems. In English, we have been thoroughly enjoying reading Fantastic Mr Fox. We have been looking at the characters individual and next week we will write a character description of the farmers.

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In preparation for myself going to Nepal, the juniors carried out an activity of burying food packaging and products to see which ones will waste away. We will dig them back up in 6 months' time to find out the outcome. I will be doing the same activity in Nepal. **Miss Rogers**

Class One

This week Class One have had a great time learning about the French vocabulary for different animals. We are learning about the animals featured in Saint-Saens' composition 'Carnival of the Animals'. We have also been learning more about the French language, such as why nouns can have different words for 'the' such as 'le', 'la' or 'les'. Over the coming weeks, we are going to continue our learning about French animals and build up our French vocabulary. Bien fait la Classe Un! **Mr Carr**

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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